
Work Done Without Required Permits

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Work that was done without obtaining required permits is in violation of the State Building Code and is considered illegally constructed work. There are no statutes of limitation on illegal construction. If any work was done illegally in the past, the passage of time or change in ownership does not make the non-permitted work legal. To legalize work that was built without a permit, work must comply with current codes.

To legalize work that was built without permits the owner must comply with one of the following procedures:

1. For information regarding legalizing work when the work to be inspected is not visible due to being covered by finishes, the owner must contact the **Code Enforcement Division** for procedures on how to legalize or abate the work.
 2. Where work to be inspected is still readily visible, such as re-roofs, water heater replacements & furnace replacements, a permit may be obtain from the **Building Division** to legalize said work.
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Additional information can be obtained by visiting our website at www.sanjoseca.gov/building/ or by calling our Information Inspector's voice mail at (408) 535-3555 and leaving a detailed message. In addition you may visit the Building Division in City Hall at 200 East Santa Clara St. Our hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with limited service between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.